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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were filed on November 9, 2004, July 12, 2004, and July 2, 2002, Applicants hereby call to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. HEI 8-325436, together with a full English language machine translation of the same. Applicants note that an English language Abstract of this document was previously submitted together with the Information Disclosure Statement of July 2, 2002;

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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